

IFF ExCo Meeting, Athens, June 4th , 2008

Participants:	Tomas Eriksson,	IFF President
	Renato Orlando,	IFF vice-president
	John Liljelund,	IFF general secretary

Report on present issues

1. *Opening*

Mr. Eriksson opened the meeting at 10.00 in the Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens, Greece.

2. *IOC Recognition application process*

After the last IFF CB meeting the IOC has informed through Mr. Dubi, IOC Sports Director, that the IOC Executive Board will make the decision about the IF's seeking for recognition in their meeting on the 11th of December.

IFF has the possibility to make updates to the IOC application, until the 30th of September. The ExCo discussed the need for updating some membership statistics and the situation with new members, which might come in during the period of time. The most potential new members are Turkey, where the process has been started, Croatia and maybe also Belarus. There are other countries like Bosnia, Iran, Sierra Leone where it will take some longer time to actually get the countries to apply.

The ExCo will have some additional discussions, in order to inform the concerned parties of the development of Floorball.

3. *Upcoming dates*

The ExCo discussed the upcoming meetings and dates in the near future. The next CB meeting will be held in Hungary 12.-13.9. and the next ExCo meeting is planned for the 10th of October, in conjunction with the EuroFloorball Cup final round in Winterthur, Switzerland. Additionally it was confirmed that the IFF Future strategy group is having its meetings on the 19th of August and the 11th of October.

The ExCo further took notice that the organisers of the two last IFF Events; the WFC C-division organised in Bratislava, Slovakia and the U19 WFC in Wolsztyn, both were well organised and has proven that the development of Floorball is taking new steps. The ExCo noted, that in connection with the U19 WFC, a matter of conduct of the players on the field must be defined, in order for the referees to know how to handle such situations in the future.

4. *3rd World University Championships, Kuortane, Finland*

The ExCo discussed the situation that occurred, after the information on the web-page of the Swiss federation, that SUHV/Swiss University Sports, due to the resistance of the elite clubs, will not send a Men's team to the WUC.

The ExCo decided to request Mr. Kratz to officially ask the FISU, which countries have registered for the event. It was further acknowledged that the SUHV has not informed IFF of their decision, not to support the participation of a Swiss men's team to the WUC. The ExCo will discuss this issue with the SUHV further.

5. *IFF Development Work*

Mr. Orlando informed that the Development function had decided to postpone the Development Seminar, which was to be held in Germany 12th to 15th of June, since there were too many federations that could not take part and one of the ideas of the seminar is to have as many nations interacting at the same time. Discussions have already been started, in order to try to find a good timing for the seminar in the future.

East-Europe seminar:

The preparations to organise a seminar in Eastern-Europe are still under hand and the IFF has been in contact with the Russian Federation and the Open Floorball League in St. Petersburg and will meet with them in September, in order to be able to organise the seminar. Latvia has not, despite of a number of reminders, responded to the question whether or not they would be willing to organise this seminar, due to their internal situation.

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New Zealand:

The New Zealand project is still in the starting stages. A Floorball tournament will be Played in Wellington on the 21st of June. The issue the ExCo finds hard to deal with is that there are no New Zealand contact person, to whom we can be in contact with apart from Mr. Scott O'Brian.

APAC 25.-29.8. in Perth, Australia:

Mr. Liljelund will attend during the APAC, in order to discuss the present development in the countries participating and to also meet with the AOFC CB and to discuss the plans and actions taken by the AOFC committees. The ExCo finds it important to have a clear knowledge of how the AOFC wants to organise the qualifications for the WFC 2010 in Asia and Oceania. The tournament will be refereed by local referees and IFF will as a development activity send a European referee observer to APAC, preferably supported by a local observer to guide and teach the referees and observers. Mr. Kratz will ask the participating nations to send their own observer to APAC.

India:

The Indian federation has organised some development clinics and tournaments after the development seminar in Singapore. In order to strengthen the development, we are looking to organise a small international coaching/referee clinic in the near future.

France:

During the WFC C-division in Bratislava, talks were held with the French association, who is looking for the recognition of the French Sports Confederation. The French Association has been told that they would need to join an existing Federation, in order to receive the recognition. IFF has prepared a letter of recommendation to be sent to the Ministry of Sport and if needed to the French Ice Hockey federation. A possible meeting will be held later with the French Association.

Americas:

There has been no reply from USA neither concerning the delivery of the rink or the tournament in Raleigh.

The Canadian federation is looking, whether they could participate in the U19 WFC in 2009 and have been given until the end of June to make the final decision. The CUFF is also starting discussions to co-operate with the Ball Hockey Federation in Canada.

Malaysia:

An University tournament will be organised in Kuala Lumpur in beginning of August with teams from universities of Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand.

6. Letter from the International IFF Referees

The ExCo has taken cognisance of the letter which 31 International Referees have signed and sent to the IFF Referee Committee, concerning the referee fees for the International referees and the answer of the IFF RC Chairman Mr. Thomas Gilardi to the referees. The ExCo is astonished in the way the matter was raised and handled. It is for the CB to make the decisions in these matters and the ExCo now awaits a proper proposal from the RC, in order to solve the issue, in the next CB meeting.

7. IFF Future Strategy Group

The ExCo was informed about the first meeting of the Strategy Group, which was held in Zurich on the 7.-8. of April. The working group divided the task among its members to prepare a proposal for the following parts of the IFF Future Strategy: Introduction (JL/RO), Purpose (LG/DS/JL), Vision (RO/JL), Philosophy (RO/TE), History (TG/JL) and Key Trends (IH/JL).

All the parts are to be handed in until the 30th of June, in order to be sent out to the working group, with the task to read them through and prepare for the important discussion (Strategy) at the next meeting on the 19th of August, in Zurich

8. Any other issues

The ExCo discussed the necessity to have a meeting with the Swiss Federation and its new president, in order to clear certain misunderstandings and to have a common understanding in the tasks which are ahead in the process of the IOC Recognition.

9. Closing

Mr. Eriksson closed the meeting at 12.45

Upcoming meetings and issues

- Meeting with Mr. Hein Verbruggen GAISF President and Ms. Christine Dominguez GAISF Director General, June 5th
 - Meeting with GAISF New Media working group about, Video Platform, June 5th
 - GAISF General Assembly, June 6th
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Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- Update of the IOC application by end of September. (JL)
 - Contact to the different development projects (RO/JL)
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New ideas, etc...